

MRAC Board Meeting Monday March 25, 2002 6:45 PM John Merkl's House 9000 W. Center 414-259-9091

- Minutes

- Treasurer

- Thanks to John for having us

- Future board meetings - April - me, May (TUE 28) - Jim, June - probably restaurant as could be a big crowd w/new officers? Suggestions?

- Meetings - Thursday - Audience Participation - How I got started and who helped? Maybe chairs in a circle.

April - Matt on attic wire antenna install + nominations

May - Auction + elections (talk up elections)

June - ??? (new officers take over)

- VEC

- Discovery World

Was supposed to have a meeting w/Don and museum director, but has not happened

- Classes

Extra finishing

Mark Tellier and Tom Fuszard doing some code practice amongst themselves

Tech Class next? When and where? Need more help for classes (and of course code, but I won't mention that)

- Special Event Operation for MRAC 85th birthday

How'd we do?

- Contest committee - Jerry Wahlen is main Field Day guy. Mark Bye offered help. Matt will do food. Jim does his usual. Jerry was going to talk to Fred Linn about site - don't know if he did.

- Misc

John Kraak, Sherm Swanson and Jack Hughes are the nominating committee (great speech at last meeting John). Give them suggestions if you have any (or if you want to run for the same or different office).

- PR

Some work on photo album/scrap book. Will have latest version at Superfest/ Reminder for pictures.

Superfest next weekend (April 5-6) - who will open up Friday? Everybody take some time to staff table if you can on either Fri or Sat. I will probably be there all day Saturday and maybe some on Friday.

Collection of certificates in files - so what?

Since no one really steps up here, maybe I will do some (other than photo album) after I leave office. Things like club spotlight on ARRL web site, more member recognition stuff, things like that.

- Xmas - any luck on Xmas party site?

- Repeater (featured topic)

The featured topic is still the repeater.

Should we get something else going on it? Theory classes? Speciality net (Moddel RR, Airplanes, SWL, whatever).

Recorded news shows (Newsline, RAIN report). The catch is we do need better coverage. We have made improvements from when it was at Ed's house, but we could use another 50 feet or so in height, a better receiver and a little more power to match (I don't want to make it sound like everything needs fixing).

What about equipment? Should we start looking at alternatives, at least for testing? Even purchasing something to try would be \$500. If it was no better we could sell it and get our money back. We should invite Dave Karr to talk to the board (he has offered) about equipment.

A new site will require new technical committee (the current one has dwindled down to 1 (without our even doing it).

What about money? - Any ideas for fund-raisers? Why do we need funds (hard to ask for money when you can't present what you are going to use the money for).